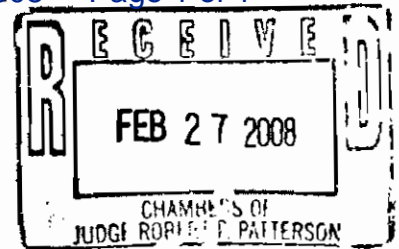


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Re: Bennett, et al. v. Horne, et al., 07-CV-2823 (RPP)

Dear Judge Patterson:

Enclosed please find two courtesy copies of plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, which, along with my notice of appearance, has been served upon defendants.

Because the parties have been engaged in negotiations that will likely result in resolution of some issues in the complaint, both parties respectfully request that defendants be granted 3 months to answer the complaint. We believe this extension is necessary to facilitate possible resolution of the case.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Howlett".

Amy E. Howlett

cc: Martin Bowe

*Application granted
answer due May 27, 2008
So ordered
Robert P. Patterson
USDC
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